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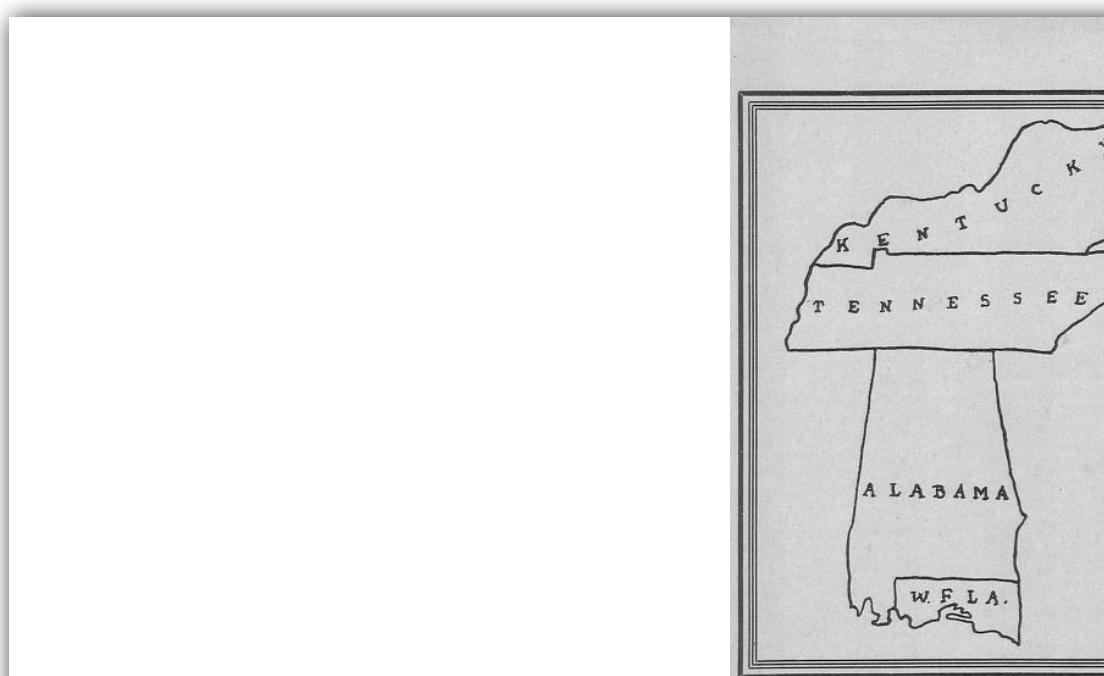
"Down South News" history will soon be available online



Michael Stroud has been hard at work sorting through pictures and documents from the history of the Southeast Conference and placing them online. As part of the Project 66-16 initiative, he has scanned newsletters and documents going back to the days of the former Southeast Convention, back in 1952. Eventually, he plans to upload newsletters and transcripts up to the present time.

Michael has also created a Flickr page containing photos from the Conference archives. Many were used in the newsletters that were once published out of the office. They contain captions and brief descriptions. He'll continue to add new pictures over the next few months.

You can take a look at a sample newsletter here:



[Down South News, Congregational Christian Churches, June 1942](#)



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Mike Stroud June 28, 2013 at 1:32 pm #



Just an update, friends ... The pace is going somewhat slower on the uploads to Internet Archives that I would like, because some of the items are actually newsletters I am transcribing from copies that I obtained from sources other our Conference office, namely the Congregational Library in Boston. Because, quite obviously, I do not have rights to post items that are the property of another entity, I must reproduce them instead, which is somewhat time-consuming. In some other cases, namely in the 1980s and 1990s, the Conference used formats other than the typical 8 1/2 x 11" sheets, which means that I cannot fit some of them into a conventional home-use scanner. I have to reproduce several years' worth as a consequence. So your patience is requested, and I promise that it will be worth the wait.

Once these are all uploaded, Chris Lyman-Waldron, our Conference Communications Director, and I will probably begin carrying a "history corner" feature that will link to newsletters from 50, 25, and 10 years before the particular month. If you are searching for a particular item from your church that might have been published, I recommend downloading the month's issue and looking it up. One of these days, after Project 66-16 proper has concluded, I hope to compile an index of all the articles, but I do not have time for that now, so feel free to explore Internet Archive and enjoy the thrills of digging. Enter "Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ" in the search line for best results.

Flickr updates will likely happen in spurts, as I have time to properly organize and identify persons in the photos. Since I do not always have the information about the identity of persons, I ask people to remain courteous and, if possible, to inform me if they can identify certain people. With your help, Project 66-16 can more fully tell about our great heritage to a new generation. And history is still being written as we speak, so ask any questions by emailing me at michaelstroud@bellsouth.net.

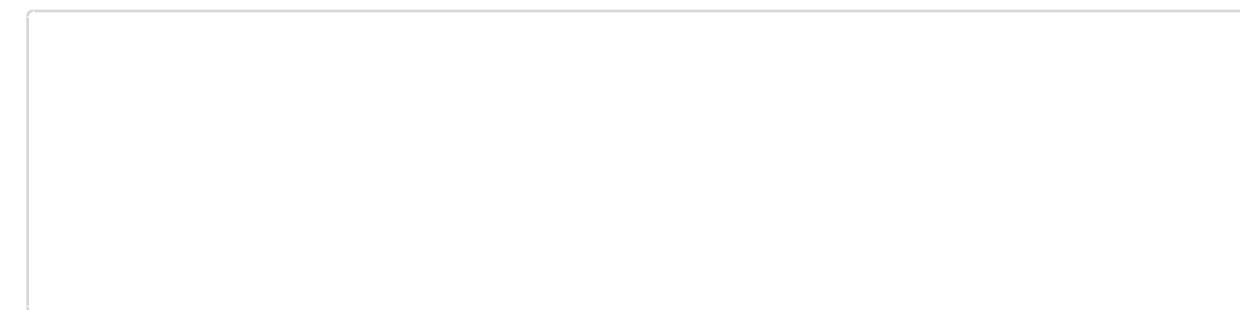
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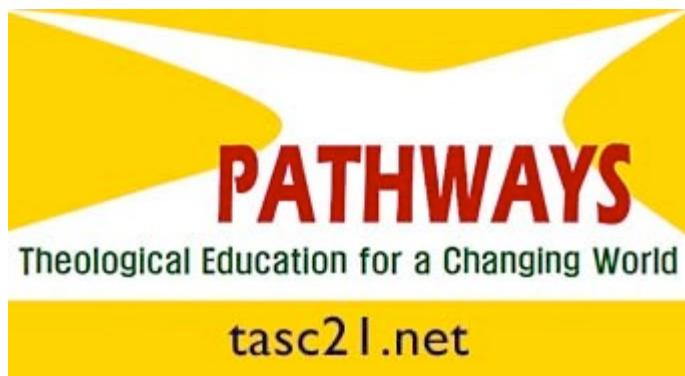
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